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TWO CENTS.

# BODY EN ROUTE HOME

Remains of Senator McMillan

Sent to Detroit.

LEFT BOSTON AT 2 P. M.

ONLY MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY ATTEND.

Commissioners Biddle and Macfarland Will Go to the Funeral at

Detroit.

MANCHESTER, Mass., August 13 .- The special train bearing the body of Senator James McMillan of Michigan left here at 10:41 a.m. today for Detroit, via Boston. The body was removed from the house, "Eagle Head," at 10:15. No service of any description was held, and the only persons present were the members of the family.

The corpse rested in a cedar casket, with men. rich broadcloth cover, and with handles of exidized silver. At the station the casket was placed in a Boston and Maine funeral car, preceding which was a vestibuled car for the family

Upon the casket or near it were laid numerous floral offerings, mostly from friends of the deceased in this vicinity and from members of the family. Sixty-four American beauty roses, of which the late senater was particularly fond, were sent by his

The two cars, with an engine, made up the train. On it were Mrs. McMillan, the widow; F. H. McMillan, P. H. McMillan and W. C. McMillan, sons of the dead sen-taor; Mrs. P. H. McMillan and Miss Amy McMillan, daughter, and Miss Grace Jarvis, granddaughter, and Hugh McMillan, brother of the deceased. At Boston the funeral car will be attached

to a Boston and Albany special, and the party will have the use of President Ledyard's private car on the long journey to Detroit.

### TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

Senator McMillan's Death Deplored by Washington Board of Trade.

At a special meeting of the board of directors of the Washington Board of Trade. held at 1:45 o'clock today in the board rooms, the following was adopted:

"The board of directors of the Washington Board of Trade sorrowfully places iself on record as regretting beyond expression the unexpected and untimely decase of James McMillan, chairman of the Senate committee on the District of Co-

"For many years Senator McMillan was carnestly engaged in a succession of sincere efforts to advance the interests of the national capital and to make it everything which is implied in that name. He brought to the support of his legislative ideas the broad judgment of a mature mind, accus-tomed to large business enterprises. This induced and compelled the co-operation of practically all his colleagues, with results most gratifying to the nation and to the District of Columbia. With keen mental vision he saw far into the future, and in the plans with which his name must always associated he made plain the way for a

capital worthy of the country.

"Fitting tribute to his memory will it be
if the people of Washington and of all that Washington represents take up the task where he so suddenly laid it down

That there should be a lasting memorial in his honor is universal opinion. In the securing of this the Washington Board of Trade will do its part, and the board of directors will promptly recommend to the Board of Trade the adoption of the memorial suggestion of the president of the board

"No amount of labor, however, no bronze or marble testimony, no utterances of a community bereaved, can do full justice to the noble character of James McMillan."

Commissioners to Attend Funeral.

Commissioners Macfarland and Biddle decided today that they would both attend in Detroit at half-past 2 e'clock Friday

should be represented by the full board of more people were killed and injured by an Commissioners, as new constituted, and explosion following a similar wreck. desiring personally to show every possible that both of them should go. Commissioner Biddle was to have gone in any event. but it seemed aimost impracticable for Commissioner Macfartand to go under the present circumstances.

Yet as president of the board his presence at the funeral seemed to the Commissioners to be necessary. The Commissioners will leave for Detroit Thursday morn ing at 10:50 o'clock. They will make the journey in company with Senator Cockrell of the committee on appropriations. If any contingency should arise to prevent Commissioner Macfarland from going, Commissioner Biddle will represent the District

Captain Chester Harding, assistant to the Engineer Commissioner, will act as Engi-neer Commissioner during Co'enel Biddle's absence, and will be the executive head of the District government if Commissioner Macfarland goes also.

Under the order of the Commissioners, dopted in board session, the District building will be closed all day on Friday, the day of the funeral of Senator McMillan at Detroit. All the District offices will be closed, including those of the assessor and the collector of taxes, and no business will

# TO SUCCEED McMILLAN.

### Gov. Eliss May Appoint on Account of Extra Session.

MANISTEE, Mich., August 13.-When told today that President Roosevelt might convene an extra session of the Senate in November, Governor Bliss said: "Well, that may affect my position with

reference to filling the vacancy caused by the death of Senator McMillan." "Then you may name his successor?"

"Well, just say that the extra session may affect the situation. It will not right away, but I'll think it over."

Gov. Bliss has previously declared that would leave the matter of Senator Mc-Millan's successor to the state legislature, which meets in January, and would not make an ad interim appointment.

## Veterans of Philippine War.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, August 13 .-Veterans of the Philippine war began to pour into the city early today to take part in the reunion of the National Society of the Army of the Philippines, which begins today. Among the early arrivals were Gen. Irving Hale, president of the society, and Generals Funston, MacArthur, Wheaton

and King. Following a brief reception to delegates at headquarters, a general meeting of the society, presided over by President Hale, was held. MOROS SURPRISE OUTPOST.

Sergeant Foley and Private Carey Killed-Rebels Escape.

MANILA, August 13 .- A small party of Moros surprised an outpost of the 27th Infantry at Camp Vicars yesterday. Sergeant Foley and Private Carey were killed and Private Van Doren was severely wounded. The Moros, who numbered only a dozen, were armed with spears and swords. The morning was dark and foggy. The attacking party crawled to within a lew feet of the sentinels and then sprang apon them suddenly. The entire outpost rushed to the relief of the sentinels, but they were too late, and the Moros escaped, although possibly a few of them were wounded. The American sentinels were terribly cut by the swords and spears.

The attacking Moros were all from Ba-colod, and the occurrence will probably result in a move against that town, which has a strong fort and other defenses. Constabulary Inspector William Schermerhorn, whose home was in Seattle, Wash., was mortally wounded in a recent fight with Ladrones at Higan, Mindanao. The fourth anniversary of the capture of the city of Manila, which was surrendered

to the American forces on August 13, 1898, was observed as a general holiday. The War Department is advised by cable from General Chaffee that at midnight last night ten or twelve Moros attacked an out-post of Company G, 27th Infantry, at Camp Vicars, killing Henry C. Carey and James Foley and wounding two other enlisted

## FROST ON MT. WASHINGTON.

### Thermometer Registered 28 Degrees There This Morning.

MOUNT WASHINGTON, N. H., August 13 .- At the peak of Mount Washington the cold wave which developed yesterday after the humidity of the preceding hours resolved itself into a freezing atmosphere. At 3 a.m. today the thermometer registered 28 degrees. The summit presented a bleak appearance, thickly coated as it was with sleet and ice, while on the long wooden walk about the hotel the ice formation was such that it had to be shoveled away this morning.
BALLSTON, N. Y., August 13.—A slight frost was observed at sunrise today in the

owlands near this village.

## TO LIST RUSSIAN BONDS.

### New York Bankers Apply to the Stock Exchange. NEW YORK, August 13.-In their appli-

cation to list the 2,310,000,000 roubles of Russian government bonds on the stock exchange J. P. Morgan & Co. were joined by the National City Bank, August Belmont & Co. and Baring, Magoun & Co. It is believed that a large amount of the bonds will be marketed in this country.

The application to list the Russian rentes was made, it is understood, in the name of the imperial government. The banking houses mentioned, as well as the City Bank, will act as the fiscal agents of the Russian government, cashing such coupons as may be presented for payment.

## IRON WORKERS TO STRIKE.

## Employes of the American Bridge Company Ordered Out.

PITTSBURG, Pa., August 13.-The order issued by President Frank Buchanan of the structural iron workers for a general strike of structural workers employed at all the plants of the American Bridge Company was received in this city today and the men were at once notified to quit work at 6 o'clock this evening.

In the Pittsburg district the American Bridge Company has 1,000 men in its employ, and all are on important work, which will be tied up.

The strike is in sympathy with the Philadelphia workers, and is to be confined to the American Bridge Company. It will have no effect upon the independent concerns.

## BENZINE TANK BREAKS.

### Citizens of Sharpsburg, Pa., Alarmed at the Situation.

PITTSBURG, Pa., August 13.-Sharpsourg, a suburb of Allegheny, is excited today over the wreck of a West Penn freight train of thirty cars loaded with the funeral of Senator McMillan, to be held | benzine, gasoline, kerosene and lubricating dl. and fears are entertained of another atastrophe such as was visited on Sharidan, Pa., a few months ago, when 200 or

> Where the wreck occurred a tank car, ontaining 5,000 gallons of benzine, broke and the fluid ran out, forming in pools along the tracks. There are over 150,000 gallons of inflammable material on the train, and the train men are keeping peoole away from the wreck. Should a spark all from a passing engine and ignite the engine the results would be terrible, and the engineers have been warned to be care ful while passing the scene of the accident, No one was hurt in the wreck.

## Movements of Naval Vessels.

The Solace has arrived at Hong Kong; the Gwin has left Washington for Annapolis: the Montgomery has arrived at Gloucester with the Maine militia; the Hannibal has left Lambert's Point for Frenchman's bay; the Alert is at Santa Cruz; the New York has left Cavite, P. I., for Yokohama, lapan, and the Saturn has left Cavite for

French Line and Steamship Trust. The officers of the French Line of New

York have received semi-official information that the French government, in view of the organization of the transatlantic steamship trust had firmly decided to use all the means in its power to protect French commerce and the interests of its merchant marine from any discrimination which may be made against them by the steamship

### Teacher's Death From Cholera. The bureau of insular affairs today re-

ceived a cable from Acting Gov. Wright at Manila, saying that Herbert Lucker, a teacher, had died of Asiatic cholera on August 6, at San Miguel, province of Ilocas Norte. He requests that President Hadley of Yale University be notified.

Personal Mention. William D. Sumner of St. Louis, Mo. was a visitor at the Navy Department this morning. He is here on business in connection with the St. Louis world's fair. Mr. W. A Burdine has gone to New York city and Saratoga.

### The Plague at Odessa. The United States consul at Odessa, Rus-

Dr. Frank L. Biscoe has gone to New

York city to attend a post-graduate course

sia, informs the State Department that the plague has been officially proclaimed at Major Wood Retired. Maj. Marshall W. Wood, surgeon, of the army, has been retired on account of dis-

in hospital work.

## GONE TO BARCELONA.

## The Cincinnati Has Sailed From Porto

Over night the Navy Department received word that the Cincinnati had sailed yesterday from Porto Cabello for Barcelona, Venezuela, under the instructions cabled yesterday to Commander McLean, directing either the Cincinnati or Topeka to proceed immediately to that point. Commander McLean, who is the senior officer present, evidently decided to go himself and leave the Topeka to protect American interests at Porto Cabello. It is probable that the Cincinnati has already arrived at Barcelona, but that fact may not be officially known here for several days, as Minister Bowen cabled the State Department from Caracas today, stating that the cable from Caracas to Barcelona had again been cut by the revolutionists. Monday he reported that this cable had been cut, but presum-ably it had been repaired in the interim, and his latest dispatch indicates that the connection has again been lost.

## Report of Pillaged Consulate.

Neither the State nor Navy Department has received confirmation of the press dispatches from Port of Spain, which were conveyed there from Barcelona by boat, of the extent of fighting at Barcelona, and of the report that the American, Italian and Dutch consulates had been pillaged. The officials of the Navy Department are confident that Commander McLean, with the Cincinnati, will be able to take care of American interests there.

Owing to the general disturbed condition of affairs all along the line of the Venezuelan coast and the appeals of Minister Bowen for warships, the question of whether our naval force in those waters is sufficient to take care of the existing situation and to meet future contingencies has been canvassed, and for the present it has been decided that it is unnecessary to send an additional vessel. We now have three ships at the three critical points, the Cincinnati at Barcelona, the Topeka at Porto Cabello, where the Germans have already landed a force, and the Marietta at the mouth of the Orinoco, which has been declared blockaded by the Castro government.

## An Asylum for Castro.

The question of affording an asylum to President Castro aboard an American warship in case he should be obliged to flee from the country, and should have no other means of escape, has not been seriously considered by the State Department, as it is not believed that his condition at present is desperate enough to make such a move imperative. Besides it is reported through the press dispatches that he had a vessel at La Guaira upon which he can embark for France if the necessity arises.

## NORTHERN PACIFIC PLANS.

### President Mellen Discusses Engineering Problems and Freight Rates.

PORTLAND, Ore., August 13.-President Mellen of the Northern Pacific railroad, who is here, in response to a question on the subject, stated that the Northern Pacific could not only bridge the Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., but also the Willamette river at Portland, and that it would be necessary also to tunnel the backbone of the peninsula between the two who is here, in response to a question on

Mr. Mellen expressed the hope that the farmers would be benefited by the reduction in the grain rates that is to go into effect on Friday.

"That reduction," said he, "will take \$800,000 a year out of the pockets of the railways in the Columbia basin. I should feel greater satisfaction with this reducif I thought the farmers would get all the benefit. But, frankly, I believe they will get but little of the \$800,000 we lose. It will be absorbed by the commission men and speculators. While I believe this will be true, I still think the conferences with the farmers direct will be productive of good, because of the greater acquaintance that came out of them and the fact that all must recognize that the railroads tried to meet the popular demand. If the farmers do not get the benefit, they must, at least, admit that we did our share toward favoring them.

## REMAINS OF PRIMEVAL BEAR.

### Found by Student of the University of California.

BERKELEY, Cal., August 13.-Eustace L. Furlong, student, assistant in the geological department of the University of California, has discovered imbedded in the floor of one of the famous limestone caves of Shasta county aimost the entire remains of an arctotherium simun, the gigantic primeval bear that was the first of his kind to roam the two American continents.

Because only fragments of the skeleton, until now incomplete, have hitherto been discovered by geologists, the work of Fur-long ranks as one of the most notable achievements of the University of California explorers in recent years.

### SENATOR BURTON'S TRIP. He Will Sail for Hawaii on Next

### Steamer. SAN FRANCISCO, August 13.-United

States Senator J. R. Burton of Kansas, chairman of the subcommittee of the Senate that has been instructed to visit Hawaii and inquire into ex-Queen Liliuokalani's claims to the crown lands, has arrived and expects to sail for Honolulu on the next

Senator Burton expects to spend four or five weeks in Hawaii, in company with Senator Mitchell of Oregon and Senator Foster of Washington. They will make a thorough investigation of affairs and conditions in the islands, and, among other things, will inquire into the crown land

### BALDWIN MAKES STATEMENT. Arctic Explorer Says Capt. Johanssen

## Disobeyed Orders.

TROMSOE, Norway, August 13.-Evelyn B. Baldwin and several members of the crew of America have made statements before a notary public regarding the dispute between Mr. Baldwin and Capt. Johanssen of the America. According to Mr. Baldwin's statement, Capt. Johanssen refused to obey the orders of the ice pilot, and that necessitated his removal from the command. Baldwin also says that Capt. Johanssen left the vessel at Honingsvaag without Baldwin's knowledge or consent. The relations between Baldwin and the

ice pilot were always of the best, the state-ment asserts, and it is added that while the death of half the dogs, from worms, hindered the party from reaching as far north as intended, Baldwin is confident that within twelve months the America will reach the intended latitude, en route to the north pole. The consulate at Christiania to Capt. Johanssen complained has referred him to the consulate at Bergen.

### Japs Seize Corean Island. LONDON, August 13.-A St. Petersburg

dispatch to the Globe says that Japanese naval officers, on their own responsibility, have landed guns, constructed a battery and posted guards on the Island of Koth-nesan, and that Corean officials who were sent to investigated were driven away by the Japanese.

Republicans Expect to Lose a

Few Seats.

DEFECTION IN WEST

THEY WILL RETAIN THE HOUSE. HOWEVER.

Wall Street Helping the Democrats for Fear of Anti-Trust Legislation.

Special From a Staff Correspondent.

NEW YORK, August 13 .- In conversation with republican politicians who have drift ed into New York within the past ten days I gather that there are some localities where it is not altogether plain sailing for the republicans in the congressional elections of next fall. At this season of the year everybody comes to New York some time. It is the great relay house between the bounding west and the summer resorts of the east and north. Refreshment for man and beast is furnished, and after bedding down the cattle and stirring up the camp fire there is time for talk. Between the Fifth Avenue Hotel and the

Waldorf, taking in a few old-fashioned places that refuse to go out of business, you will meet at one time or another almost everybody you want to know. More statesmen and politicians? than you can shake a stick at, as well as men prominent in the financial and business world. The politicians from whom I have ab-

sorbed the idea that it is going to be hard sledding and no signs of snow for the republicans, in some places, do not admit that the next House is to be democratic. They are reasonably confident the republicans will win, but they are frank enough to say that there are districts that will have to be won with a fight. I don't know how the national managers feel on the subject, for they don't talk. The stories I hear are not dealt out by the republican congressional committee, but come from the workers in the field, congressmen and men prominent in state politics.

## State Issues Cause the Trouble.

The trouble seems to be that the republicans in the localities referred to, while contented with the national issues, are pestered with factional friction growing out of state issues. There are fears that the democrats may abandon their national issues and go

ator from beyond the Mississippi. He ex-pressed a view which frequently is elab-orated by republican positicians. There seem to be republican embarrassments in Michigan, Iowa, California, Connecticut and Wisconsin.

has shown that the republicans have a way of fighting like Kilkenny cats up to the day of election and then stopping long enough to go to the polls and vote the straight republican ticket, resuming their bickering next day perhaps. How often has Ohio presented that spectacle? It seems to be a characteristic of the party. Much stress is now being laid upon it to help pu! the G. O. P. elephant out of some bad fords where he seems likely to get bogged down. ocrats may switch the state campaign onto the main line with the congressional campaign, in which case there would be trouble for the republicans. The death of Senator McMillan may bring factional rivalries which might hurt the congressional ticket. But the Michigan republicans are said to be alive to all the possibilities of the situation and striving to handle them.

## Factional Fight in California.

California has a nasty factional fight within the republican party. It grows out of state issues altogether, but already is threatening the congressional ticket. The main hope of the republican managers of the state is that in the last days of the Portions of Third Cavalry and Sixcampaign a furore can be aroused over national questions, the Philippines and the tariff, an appeal made to the party to stand together on the national ticket and in the and to succeed in that way in pulling the

congressional ticket through.

In Wisconsin it is not to be denied that danger threatens the republicans if the old danger threatens the republicans if the old and recent wounds are not salved. Some Wisconsin politicians, outside of Congress, say that the fight between the friends of Senator Spooner and the followers of Gov ernor La Follette, if continued until November, will lessen the republican vote on the congressional ticket. Every effort will be made in the meantime to prevent such catastrophe, of course, and the best talent of skillful political managers exerted, but the outlook now is ominous in one or two Wisconsin districts.

The Iowa republicans are squabbling a lit tle, but serious danger probably can be warded off. Senator Allison, Senator Dolliver, Secretary Wilson, Speaker Henderson, Representative Hull and Representative Hepburn have powerful influence with the rank and file of the republican party of the state and they will not permit factional differences to threaten a congressional seat. The Iowa republicans are organizing for a campaign of unusual activity.

In Connecticut the voters are more interested in state affairs than in national issues A constitutional amendment may figure in the campaign. One representative-at-large is to be elected under the new apportion ment, and, as the state is republican normal ly, that gain would offset the loss of a possible congressional district.

## General Prospect Unaffected.

These threatening situations in scattered districts do not affect general prospect which is regarded as good for the republicans. These cases are only dwelt upon because they represent a feature of the existing situation and as such should be

It is in the air that the republicans are to carry the next House. Reflection of sentiment everywhere shows it. Democrats of wide experience and good judgment have told me since I have been in New York that it is not on the condition. it is not on the cards for the democrats to win this fall. They cannot see anything in the situation which yields democratic hope. More than that, a great many democrats lo not want to carry the House. They nonestly believe that it would be better for the party in the presidential campaign if it were not in possession of the House next Congress. They argue that if the republicans are left in complete power, political capital can be made by the democrats in holding the republicans responsible for fail-ure to carry out policies which the democrats believe can be made popular on the hustings.

hustings.

As stated in a previous dispatch, Wall street hopes the democrats will win. Wall street in that case sees absolute immunity from anti-trust legislation. With the democrats in control of the House, no compromise of republican and democratic anti-trust policies would be probable, it is thought. With the republicans in the majority in the House, Wall street does not know what is going to happen. Wall street is very much troubled about that gentleman in the

MAKING UP! Mr. Quay Has Decided to Take a Turn in the Roll of Strike Settler.

### Pro-Republican Reports. Business, men who come to New York

from the west and north bring pro-republican reports. They say it looks all one way in the country. There has been no diminution of prosperity save in the strike region. The promise of good crops was never fairer. Democratic merchants acknowledge that warrant democratic hopes. So with the natural and normal conditions

all favorable to the republicans, with only the abnormal factional troubles to menace, and the republican state leaders alive to these and working on them, the outlook as a whole is distinctly promising for the election of a republican House of Representa-

## REGARDED AS TOO VALUABLE. District Naval Militia Not Likely to

Get the Miantonomoh. The Sylvia, one of the navy's converted gunboats, which was turned over to the naval militia of Maryland by the Navy Department, is reported as having arrived at Norfolk. This ship has had several mishaps. While taking the Maryland Battalion on a cruise in Chesapeake bay her machinery became deranged, causing some delay, and shortly afterward, while going cut of Hampton Roads, became unmanageable and ran into the marine hospital snip Jamestown. She was damaged to such an extent by this collision that she had to be

taken to the Norfolk yard for repairs. It is such accidents as these to a shin it the hands of naval militia which makes the Navy Department chary about placing ships of value in the hands of volunteer jackies. The District of Columbia Naval Militia applied for the monitor Miantons but the department has practically decided that she is too valuable to be turned over to that organization. It is pointed out that if the Sylvia had been the Mianwhen she collided with the James-

## town the latter would have been sunk ARRIVAL OF THE LAWTON.

# teenth Infantry Return.

The War Department is advised of the arrival of the transport Lawton at San Francisco, August 12, from Manila, P. I., with the following military passengers: Third squadron, 3d Cavalry, 155 enlisted men and the following officers of that regiment: Major Kingsbury, Capt. Thayor, Lieuts. Bell, Sirmyer, Wallach, Cullen, Wood, Sterling, Hemphill and Veterinarian 16th Infantry, with 302 enlisted men and the following officers of that regiment: Capts. Thurston, Dunning, Johnston, Thurston, Lieuts, Ovenshine, McKain, Hays, Doane Hilgard, Smith, Harvey, Shea, Castle and Molony. Other passengers included Majors Wilson and Porter and Lieut. Rhoads, medical department; Lieut. Nolan, 1st Cavalry; 24 discharged soldiers and 52 Hospi-

## CUBAN ANNEXATION LEAGUE. It is Helping Senator Mason in Fight for Re-Election.

tal Corps men.

There is a new factor said to be figuring in the Mason-Hopkins senatorial race in Illinois. The Cuban-American League, an organization advocating Cuban annexation, is supporting Senator Mason, so it is claimed, in his fight to retain his toga. Capt. Orlan Clyde Cullen, chairman of the executive committee of the league, said to-"The league is supporting Senator Will-

iam E. Mason for re-election to the United States Senate from Illinois. An alarm circular has been sent out to the entire organization, urging each and every member to aid Senator Mason in every way possible in his fight against the Hopkins-Lorimer combination. Each member has been au thorized to form provisional chapters for political purposes, and candidates, irrespective of party, that will support Senator Mason are being indorsed unconditionally.
"The league has a membership of nearly 8,000 people of prominence in the state of Illinois, and the effect of a crusade for Senator Mason is apparent in the defection of ninety-two papers within the state that had previously supported Hopkins. All of the German papers within the state of Illinois, with one exception, have come out for Senator Mason. We will send sixteen speakers of prominence, drawn from the ranks of both parties, into the state. Among these speakers will probably be Senators Knute Nelson of Minnesota, Clapp of Min-nesota and Elkins of West Virginia."

## Mr. Rhea's Prediction as to the Next

House. An election prediction fresh from Ken-

DEMOCRATS WILL CONTROL.

White House; they believe he is after big game. His powder would be wet with the democrats in control of the lower branch democrats in control of the lower branch democratic representations of the lower branch dem "Kentucky will send tendemocratic repre sentatives and one republican to the Fiftyeighth Congress," said Mr. Rhea. "I want to predict also that when the Fifty-eighth

ongress is organized the democrats will

Mr. Rhea had taken his seat in the Fiftyseventh Congress by a majority of 156 votes over Moss. When he was unseated he declared in his address in his own defense that he would go back home, run for Congress again and be elected. Mr. Rhea has been nominated by the democrats of the third district, and today he said his majority would be 1,500.

The one district which Mr. Rhea concedes to the republicans is the eleventh, represented by Vincent Boreing. The republicans now have three of the Kentucky districts, and it is understood that they are predicting holding these three desired and the second that they are predicting holding these three and gaining

Mr. Rhea is considered one of the finest when he appeared at headquarters today he was at once assigned to go to Maine and lend a hand in reducing the republican majority in the pine tree state. This Mr. Rhea consented to do. He will be accompanied on his trip north, which will be made about the 1st of September, by Representatives Henry of Texas and W. W. Kitchin of North Carolina, who will also orate on democratic topics.

## TO TAKE PERSONAL CHARGE.

take personal charge of the arrangements being made by the engineer department of the army for the defense of the eastern entrance of Long Island Sound against the 'enemy," as represented by the United States navy, in its attempt to force a pas sage past the fortifications, during the joint maneuvers of the army and navy

early next month. Col. Alexander MacKenzie, Corps of Engineers, has just returned to the city from a visit of inspection to the river and har-bor works in the vicinity of Long Island Sound. He will act as chief of engineers during the absence of of Gen. Gillespie in attendance on the army and navy man-

## GEN. GRANT'S COMMAND.

## Signified His Willingness to Take the Department of Texas.

An order has been issued at the War Department for Brig. Gen. Frederick D. Grant, now in the Philippines, to proceed at once to the United States for the purpose of assuming command of the department of Texas. This command was originally assigned to Brig. Gen. Jacob H. Smith, but the order to that effect was revoked when that officer was court-martialed for his conduct of the campaign in Samar. Shortly after General Smith's retirement the command of the department of Texas was tendered to General Grant, who term of service in the Philippines. Word has just been received him accepting the detail, and the necessary orders have been issued.

## OUT OF COMMISSION.

## A Number of Gunboats in Philippine Waters to Be Laid Up.

The Navy Department has been informed by the officer in command of the Asiatic squadron that the following-named vessels have been put out of commission at Cavite, P. I.: Basco, Calamianes, Panay, Mariveles, Arayat and Paragua. These vessels are small gunboats, and were captured from the Spaniards during the recent war. The action taken indicates that they are no longer needed for service in the Philip-

### ARMY OFFICERS AT SCHOOLS. General Corbin's Order Giving Detailed Instructions.

Adjt. Gen. Corbin has issued an order giving detailed instructions to the army officers regarding details at institutions of the different states where military instruction is given. This order relates to every feature of the duty of officers and the course of study which must be given at the institutions where such officers are detailed. During and since the Spanish the instructors have been almost wholly from the retired list, but it is presumed that in the future officers from the active list may be detailed to these institutions. A table accompanying the general order gives the apportionment of details at coleges, universities, etc., based upon of officers in the army available for such duty. In this table the states and such duty. In this table the states and territories are grouped according to population. One group includes the District of Columbia and the states of Maryland and Virginia. The population of this group is given as 1,396,762. There is at present one detail to this group, and according to the apportionment it is entitled to two more details. As the one detail already made is in the state of Maryland it is presumed the other two might be divided between the state of Virginia and the District of Columbia.

# BUSINESS

dress, as well as the new one.

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Routine Work of Treasury Department Reorganized.

## NEW METHODS IN USE

ALL COMMUNICATIONS MUST BE ACKNOWLEDGED DAILY.

Secretary Shaw a Believer in All Modern Appliances in the Transaction of Business.

The treasury of the United States is now regarded by business men who have inspected the new methods of handling the enormous daily routine of fiscal transactions as absolutely the best and most thoroughly systematized business house in the United States.

An account of what has been done in this line since the administration of Secretary Shaw began makes most interesting reading. Shortly after taking charge of the department he decided to modernize the prevailing methods with reference to communications from the public, their acknowledgment and filing. The details have been turned over to his private secretary, Mr. Robert B. Armstrong, who has worked out a scheme for the expedition of public business in the department. Card catalogues, electric time stamps and a new system of filing, together with some changes in the manner of handling correspondence, have resulted in securing to every letter a prompt reply.

### Prompt Letter Writing. By direction of the Secretary all letters

hereafter will be acknowledged on the same day they are received. If they cannot be answered fully, acknowledgment will be made, and upon investigation a complete reply will be forwarded at the earliest possible moment. Mail arriving in the department heretofore was entered in large books, and a cumbersome manner of recording resulted. Books have been abandoned and card system keeping track of the thousands of letters received in the department every week has been substituted. Under the old

system only four clerks could be used on the mail. Under the new system any number can be placed at work, it being divided up as the pressure of public business seems to warrant. Under the new system the early morning mail, which formerly was not distributed to the various divisions of the Treasury Department until some time in the afternoon

### is now out of the way before 11 o'clock in the morning. A greater saving of time is expected as the clerks become more familiar with the handling of the new system, which was installed on August 1.

To Work the Messengers.

heretofore have been received by the Treasury Department through the medium of the omnipresent messenger boy. Delay resulted in forwarding the telegram to the proper division for consideration and reply. Mr. Armstrong has secured the cooperation of the telegraph companies and arranged for the receipt by wire of all telegrams addressed to the Treasury De-partment. This will save from one to three hours in the handling of telegrams, as all messages now are received direct by wire Gen. Gillespie Going to the Long Island Sound Forts.

Gen. Gillespie, chief of engineers, will leave here tomorrow for New London to grams are stamped with the hour and the

## minute of their receipt and the responsibility for the delay of moments is now fixed.

Minutes Are Precious. The delay in all great organizations is due to the loss of minutes. This system will tend to prevent such leakage. Commenting on this new system Mr. Armstrong

"Secretary Shaw believes that the public should receive the same treatment from the department that is given it by any first-class business house in the country. Therefore it is his wish that any person writing to the department shall receive a prompt acknowledgment to his communication and a full and complete answer to his inquiry whatever it may be. Personally I believe the Treasury Department should be an exponent of the best and most modern bust-ness methods known in this country. believe that it should be a model of busi-ness enterprise, and that any business man seeking to improve his methods should b able to find in the Treasury Department of the United States modern and improved appliances and the best and most approved

## CHOLERA IN PHILIPPINES.

all of which he may adapt to his own par

ticular uses with much benefit.

### Recent Outbreak Due to Overconfidence of Officials. SAN FRANCISCO, August 13 .- The rea-

son given by army officers who have arrived on the transport Lawson for the renewed outbreak of cholera in the Philippines is the premature withdrawal of precautionary measures by the American officials at Manila, under the impression that the disease had been fought to a standstill. The scourge had only been scotched, however, and with the relaxation of the controlling grip it resumed its work of devastation with renewed vigor.

We will not get r'd of the cholera in the Philippines," said Lieutenant Assistant Surgeon T. S. Rhoades, "until the heavy rains come. That will be in October. In the meanwhile our people are doing everything possible to keep the disease within bounds."

## Situation Well Under Control.

Surgeon General Forwood said today that

he was satisfied that the cholera situation

in the Philippines was well under, control, and that there will be a general diminution in the number of cases from now on. He declared that all the latest official information from the Philippines was favorable to the early suppression of the scourge. The chief factor in that direction was the rainy season, which, General Forwood said, had already opened, and would continue until November. He added that Lieutenant Rhoades had undoubtedly been misquoted in the statement that the heavy rains would not come until October. The fact would not come until October. was, said General Forwood, that there have been very heavy rains as early as July, and the season is usually at its height by this time of year. Another thing which satisfied General Forwood that the authorities had the epidemic well in hand and would eventually stamp it out, was that General Chaffee, commanding the troops in the Philippines, had recommended a ma-terial reduction in the number of medical officers assigned to duty in the archipelage on the general ground that their services were no longer needed for the medica treatment of the troops.

The Chauncey Exceeds Requirements. The Navy Department was informed today that at the trial of the torpedo boat Chauncey off the Barren Island course yes-terday she made 28.6 knots, her contract speed being twenty-seven knots.